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1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS EXPRESSED TO US CONCERN REGARDING A
REPORT FROM ITS EMBASSY IN CAIRO THAT A REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE
THERE TO TO THAT EMBASSY BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SEEKING
AUTHORIZATION BY THE GOS FOR THE LANDING OF C-130#
AIRCRAFT AT TORREJON EN ROUTE TO CAIRO WITH EGYPTIANS NATIONALS
ON BOARD.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERN DOES NOT RELATE TO THE PEACE PYRAMIND PROGRAM PER SE. WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH IT FORMALLY BY US AND, WE UNDERSTAND, ALSO TO SOME EXTENT BY EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HERE IN MADRID. THE PROBLEM IS, RATHER, PROCEDURAL WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S STRONG PREFERENCE BEING THAT THIS MATTER BE HANDLED (A) THROUGH A US REQUEST HERE IN MADRID FOR THE AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE, AS ITS NORMALLY THE CASE. AND (B) AN OFFICAL EYPTIAN REQUEST TO THE SPANISH GOVT HERE IN MADRID WITH RESPECT TO THE ADMISSION TO SPAIN IN THIS WAY OF EGYPTIAN NATIONALS.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INDICATED TO US A DESIRE TO AVOID EMBARRASSING THE EGYPTIANS IN THIS MATTER AND HAS ASKED US WHETHER WE ARE AWARE OF ANY REASONS WHY THE EGYPTIAN GOVT MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO HAVE ITS AMBASSADOR IN MADRID MAKE THIS REQUEST. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE ON THIS POINT.

4. AS POINTED OUT IN REF B, IT CAN BE REGARDED AS ALL BUT CERTAIN THAT THESE US AIRCRAFT, SHOULD THEY HAVE EGYPTIANS NATIONALS ON BOARD, WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT BE ALLOWED TO LAND AT TORREJON BUT WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE SPANISH AIR FORCE TO USE EITHER A NEARBY CIVILIAN OR MILITARY AIRFIELD. THE MOST LIKELY ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE THE SPANISH BASE AT GETAFE.

5. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO SHIFT THE FOCUS FOR WORKING OUT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRANSIT OF THESE AIRCRAFT BOTH BY THE EGYPTIANS AND BY THE UNITED STATES TO MADRID IN VIEW OF THE PARTICULAR SPANISH SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED.

6. ONCE WE HAVE YOUR RESPONSE IN HAND, WE WOULD INTENT TO
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CONTACT THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HERE AND THEN ALSO TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE IS REQUESTED IN THE NORMAL FASHION. STABLER

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